

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMEDIATE 3207  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 6481

DEPT FOR POL/MIL GELB FROM LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS IS TW US  
SUBJ: SALE OF KFIR FIGHTERS TO TAIWAN

1. ISRAELI PRESS HAS BEEN SPECULATING THAT AS FORM OF "COMPENSATION" FOR PLANE SALE PACKAGE, USG WILL PERMIT ISRAEL TO SELL FIFTY KFIR FIGHTERS WHICH CONTAIN U.S.-MADE ENGINES, TO TAIWAN. ESTIMATED VALUE OF TRANSACTION IS \$500 MILLION. PRESS IMPLIES THAT ONLY U S APPROVAL IS NEEDED TO CONSUMMATE THIS DEAL AND YESTERDAY PM'S PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD FOREIGN PRESS REPS THAT ISRAEL STILL AWAITING USG RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SELL AIRCRAFT.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE BRIEF US ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF ISREALI REQUEST AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF TAIWAN'S INTENTIONS ON AIRCRAFT PURCHASES. THE LAST WE HEARD, THE ROC PLANNED TO BUY FROM THE US, THUS MOOTING THE ISRAELI REQUEST.

3. FOR TAIPEI: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF  
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CURRENT ROC INTEREST IN PURCHASING KFIR AIRCRAFT. LEWIS

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